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News Summary.

Foreign.—Dominion Parliament was prorogued. Treaty of peace signed between Chili and Peru. The czar made an address on the land question in Russia. The recent riot in St. Petersburg is said to have been instigated by nihilists. Davitt, Healy, and Quinn have been released from prison. McCoan with draws from Parnell's party and assaults Parnell and his followers. The mayor of Moscow said to have been banished for his recent utterances at a banquet. The Moscow Telegraph has been suppressed by the Russian Government. Albanians and Turks fighting.

Domestic.—Col. Ingersoll closed his argument in the Star Route case, and Mr. Merrick commenced for the prosecution. The U. S. Court decides cases relating to water front at Jersey City and Hoboken. Six persons mysteriously poisoned at Paterson, and two of them die. Another independent party started in Massachusetts. Motto: "Anything to beat Butler." Bismarck is selected as capital of Dakota. Grafton Iron Company, of Leetonia, Ohio, failed. Union Ferry Company reduced its rates for vehicles. The New York, West Shore, and Buffalo R. R. opened to Newburgh. The American Medical Association met at Cleveland, Ohio. Barnum's big tent burned at Chicago. The Hudson River Yacht Club held its annual regatta. The Ohio Republicans nominate Judge J. E. Foraker, of Cincinnati, for Governor. Grand Lodge of Freemasons in session in New York. A daughter of ex-Secretary Hamilton Fish married to a son of Sir Stafford Northcote at Coldspring, N. Y. Secretary Frelinghuysen and Secretary Lincoln returned to Washington. Several hotels opened at Coney Island. Jersey Central income bonds are up to par. The Congregational ministers in session at Saratoga, and Dutch Reformed ministers at Albany. Lawn-tennis and base ball tournaments by day and billiards by night. Thermometer up to 93 degrees in shade, and sunstrokes reported. Storm of Wednesday unusually severe in all sections of the country.

About Town.

Now, then, let the "flour-bag posters" come down!

Workmen have been diligently engaged in getting the street-car track ready for the electric insulation. That new motor ought to make its appearance soon.

Rev. Dr. Chas. E. Knox and family packed up their household goods and left for their summer home at Point Pleasant this week.

The Randolph and Richards party have arrived at Glasgow.

C. S. Van Liew, formerly of Bloomfield, is agent for the New River Mineral Company, manufacturers of cold-blast charcoal car-wheel iron, at Brown Hill, Wythe County, Virginia. The name of the place has recently been changed to Van Liew.

Dr. Jos. A. Davis is still confined to his house by reason of inflammation in his leg. It is hoped that a short season of entire rest will enable him to resume his practice and his wonted activity.

Mr. James Callin, for several years past the overseer in charge of our roads, died at his residence near Brooklake on Saturday.

Mr. Theo. Griffith, the master painter for the D. L. & W. R. R. Co., was in town last week, and arranged to have the station painted. The work has been already commenced, and when completed will greatly brighten the old building. Mr. Griffith, in addition to his occupation with the R. R. Co., is one of the crack shots of our New Jersey militia, and was recently invited to become a member of the team of the American Rifle Association, which is to go to England to compete for the international championship. He has not yet accepted the position, but was to give his answer to-day.

Mr. Israel C. Ward, and the other owners of property on Park Place, have offered to put a curbing along the edge of the Park from Beach St. to Monroe Place. The stones will be set in a few days, and the outlines of the Park will thus be preserved. If the owners of land on the other side of the Park will follow this good example, it is quite probable the Town Committee will curb the two ends.

The Children's Aid Society of Christ Church expect to hold a sale of fancy articles and refreshments at the School House, Liberty Street, on Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 27. Fuller notice will be given next week.

Mr. Frank Haskell and family are in town, visiting their old home, after an absence of several years in Minneapolis, Minn. It is no longer a question as to what becomes of the boys who go West; they grow up prosperously with the country. Mr. Haskell is employed as freight agent by the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad.

The Montclair Fire Brigade is unhappy, because it don't own any "Clew Extra" hand pumps, while the Bloomfield Association has four. Let this thought console them: If they are equipped with, say, four "Chem. Extinguishers," hand pumps, etc., they are quite as well off as Bloomfield.

The residence of the Rev. A. C. Frissell has been rented for the season by Mrs. Eliza Walker.

The owners of the land where the hotel stood have offered it for sale in lots but they have done nothing as yet towards clearing off the ruins. We think that appearances have something to do with the sale of land as well as in other things, and it will be difficult to obtain a high price for such rough looking premises.

Several of our citizens were discussing the prospect of having a water supply in Bloomfield, when two of them said that if they were sure that a contract would be made with the East Orange Water Company, they would each arrange to build a new house this fall as an investment. This example would doubtless be followed by others, and we should look forward with confidence to seeing a large number of medium sized houses erected, which would be a great addition to the village.

A meeting of the lot-owners of the Bloomfield cemetery was held on Monday for the election of officers. There was some difference of opinion developed without sufficient votes to sustain either side of the case. The meeting therefore adjourned, but failed to fix upon any date for holding the election.

One of our oldest citizens, Mr. Franklin Pine, passed away on Sunday night after a long and distressing illness. Mr. Collins of the upper neighborhood is another who has recently died. He was well-known as a contractor for roads and grading, and was much respected by those who were connected with him in business affairs.

A tame crow in the shoe shop next to Slater & Chew excites much interest. He is perfectly fearless, and will peck bravely at any one who stirs him up.

We still hear curious remarks. One is that the CITIZEN is good, but hasn't come to stay. Rather guess we'll wear that out by and by. Another is that we are a concealed police engine for somebody's benefit. Well that makes us feel profoundly ignorant—for none of us ever know or suspect the fact. Personal capital—except that subscription of yours—isn't what we are after.

Mr. Wm. Matthews has commenced the erection of a new house on Franklin Street, nearly opposite Orange Street.

Mr. Harvey Dodd is happy. (By the way, did any one ever see him unhappy?) The immediate cause of his present joy is the completion of his new shop, of which he and his workmen took possession last Wednesday.

Another circumstance which may explain Mr. Dodd's hilarity is the completion of the Park improvement. The work is done, and well done; true, the walk on the north side is incomplete, but the making of that walk was not contemplated when the original plans and estimates were made. The money has been carefully and economically expended. But the funds are now exhausted, and unless some of our public spirited citizens who have, as yet, done nothing towards this work, come forward with a hundred dollars or so, the north walk must remain unfinished until next year. Rev. Mr. Ballantine, Mr. Dodd, and their associates certainly deserve the thanks of the community for their energy and perseverance in transforming "the Green" into a Park that Bloomfield may well be proud of.

Mr. Van Tassel, our genial depot-master, had some barrels of bone dust consigned to him for sale. One barrel rolled away with a man behind it. Mr. Van, like the hero of the nursery rhyme, went right after him, and made him come back with it before him. This was Mr. Van's way of saving elbow-grease and cartage. But the abstractor of bone dust now feels no interest in our editorial on "Bloomfield as a Place of Residence." He doesn't reside.

Meeting of the School Trustees.

The regular meeting of the trustees of the schools was held at the residence of Mr. Chabrier Peloubet on Tuesday evening, June 5.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting the following bills were passed and ordered paid: John C. Broughton, \$3.35; Jos. B. Harvey, \$49.33.

The matter of obtaining new insurance upon the Berkeley school building was referred to Mr. John Sherman with power to act.

The clerk read a letter from Mr. Samuel Peloubet, Secretary of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, offering the use of that building for the closing exercises of the graduating class in the High School.

The report of the Superintendent, Mr. John B. Dunbar, was then read. The enrollment in the entire school for the month ending Friday, May 25, was 752, with an average daily attendance of 640, or 86 per cent. The total of half-day absences was 2,577; of these 1,164 were occasioned by sickness, 1,315 were regularly excused for sufficient reasons, and 13 were trancies. The absences for sickness are largely due to cases of scarlet fever and measles. Nearly one-third of the pupils at Brookside have been report-

ed absent on some days by reason of these diseases. The absences for other reasons were caused in a large degree by moving of families and other necessary spring work.

The work in the school is in the main very good, comparing most favorably with the work of last year. In the high school there has been some disappointment in accomplishing the work planned, and the experience of this was the special occasion of suggesting a remodeling of the English course of the high school last month. It seems evident, if such a revision should be approved by the Board, that two teachers might be able to do better work for the best interests of the school than is now done.

Another consideration that influences in this direction is that next year the high school will probably not number higher than during the present year, as the incoming class is the smallest for several years past.

Throughout the school the classes are reviewing preparatory to the final examinations of the year. The preparations by the graduating class are quite well in shape for the closing exercises. They have met some disappointments in making special arrangements, but hope to have all details finally settled this week.

Accompanying the report the following schedule of a three year English course was presented:

FIRST YEAR.

1st term. Latin begun; commercial arithmetic and commercial law; physiology.

2d. Latin; commercial arithmetic finished and algebra begun; commercial law finished and civil government begun; physiology finished and physical geography begun.

3d. Latin; algebra; civil government; physical geography.

SECOND YEAR.

1st. Caesar; algebra; natural philosophy; botany.

2d. Caesar; algebra; chemistry; rhetoric.

3d. Caesar; algebra; chemistry; and botany.

THIRD YEAR.

1st. Geometry; geology; English literature.

2d. Geometry; geology and astronomy; English literature.

3d. Astronomy; political economy; English literature.

After discussion it was decided to take no action upon the report at present. Upon recommendation of the Committee of Teachers, it was voted to employ Miss Ella L. Draper as assistant in the high school, and Miss May Draper as teacher in the primary department.

A letter from Mr. Chas. M. Davis in regard to the persistent refusal of Miss Annette Dinsmore to appear before him for examination was referred to the Teachers' Committee, to take such action as they may deem advisable.

The Teachers' Committee were instructed to consider and act upon the matter of closing exercises in the primary departments.

As the removal of Mr. C. W. Maxfield from the district was found to create a vacancy in the Teachers' Committee, Mr. Chabrier Peloubet was authorized to act in this position by the unanimous wish of all the members.

On motion, Mr. John Sherman was authorized to obtain diplomas for the graduating class.

Wm. S. Pierson Post, G. A. R.

Tents will be pitched for the first annual "camp fire" of the Post at Weaver's Grove, Wednesday and Thursday, June 13 and 14. On Wednesday, at 7 o'clock P. M., the Rev. Mr. Duffield will present to the members a beautiful silk flag, the gift of their lady friends. Thursday there will be a distribution of gifts among the fortunate holders of "gift tickets," music and dancing also form a part of the programme. Admission, 25 cents; "gift tickets," 50 cents.

The Broom Drill.

Library Hall was full on Wednesday evening. The stage had been extended, to the great advantage of the auditorium, and if we had our way it should always remain very much as it is now. Among the decorations were crossed brooms tied with scarlet ribbons and with the letters B. G. (said to stand indifferently for Beautiful Girls or Broom Guards) upon them. To add to the attraction the Social Orchestra furnished the music, which by this time Bloomfield has come to regard as decidedly worth hearing.

The roster of the little company was as follows: Captain, Miss May M. Norris; First Sergeant, Miss Anna Colfax; Second Sergeant, Miss Sadie E. Peck; Privates, Misses Genevieve Apgar, Alice B. Cadmus, Mamie M. Close, Carrie Colfax, Nettie Gueman, May E. Day, C. Gertrude Dodd, Kate I. Dodd, Maggie A. Earl, Helen E. Freeman, Kate B. Freeman, Hattie H. Jones, F. Maude Thomas, Clara E. Ward, Lillian R. Williams, Susie C. Williams. Child of the Regiment, Maude M. Freeman.

The orchestral selections were Rice's "Petit Corsair," a difficult piece well performed; Mercadante's "Solitude," portions of Bucalossi's "Manteaux Noirs," and the always popular "Secret Love," by Resch, which was encored. The orchestra has certainly held its own since its last public appearance, and Mrs. Morris's violin was a pleasant feature which has been much missed. It will hardly do to praise the acoustic situation which the instruments occupied; they were necessarily posted badly and at one side of the stage. We are also becoming familiar even to contempt with that great piano-signboard which was again exhibited on this occasion. Is it not fully enough to have it staked on a programme which every one sees, who makes and sells the piano that is used—especially when the aforesaid piano is secured and paid for at regular rates? At all events, we would hint this idea to the managers of future entertainments.

The Broom Drill proper owed a great deal of its success to two persons who did not apparently share in its proceedings. One was Mr. Grant Wheeler, who has carefully and thoroughly trained these pretty recruits, and who devised the intricate evolutions of the "Crazy March." The other was Miss Josie Fairbanks, whose excellent time and fine taste as an accompanist we have already praised, and who again deserved our approval.

The company was dressed in white and scarlet, with dusters marked B. G. for carriage boxes and with scarlet caps on their heads and ornamented brooms in their hands. They stamped their feet with careful attention to the heavy beats and their marching and counter-marching was to the music of the piano. There was indeed a drum that was beaten at first—and it is possible that a drum and file accompaniment would have been an agreeable and military variation in some of the scenes. The drill itself was fairly correct—not quite so accurate as it might be made after more practice, but fully equaling all the requirements of such a pacific performance.

By way of interlude, Miss Earl sang "Tenting Tonight," "Marching through Georgia," and "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the girls are marching," with the company for a chorus. This last selection was the response to the "Red, White, and Blue" sung by Mr. Schouler, and other gentlemen behind the scenes—and very pretty sung too, we may add. Miss Earl's voice is clear and her method is both natural and hearty. Therefore she made a nice soldier in every respect. The same is true of Miss Gertrude Dodd, who recited "Keenan's Charge." She was compelled to stand facing the company, and the audience, therefore, got only her profile view, which isn't nearly so good as her direct one and isn't nearly so well understood. The hall had little mercy on the articulation, and what was delivered with energy and taste, materially in consequence and was indistinct to many persons.

The "Awkward Squad" was drilled by Miss Sergeant Colfax, and Miss Captain Norris did her whole duty with the company. Her drill was military, her coolness under fire was admirable, and she issued her orders in a commanding tone that had plenty of "guard-house" in it and struck terror to every breast. It is even hinted that she carried the entire company through her tremendous drill without changing countenance, or showing any dismay, and she organized defeat into victory so well that no one knew it! It was, however, too bad that the little *viandiere* did not have some lemonade in consequence of the red paint after all the hard work was over.

And having said this much, the CITIZEN takes off his new white hat and makes his profound acknowledgments to the young ladies of the "Old Church" who gave us all such an agreeable evening.

Accident at Hendricks' Mill.

About half past ten Tuesday morning, Mr. Nicholas Van Houten, a millwright of Hendricks' Copper Works, went into the pit beneath the fly-wheel to make some repairs. It is not customary for the engine to be at once started after it is stopped for the usual rest between the "heats," and therefore it is supposed that Mr. Van Houten unfortunately said nothing as to his business beneath the wheel. For some reason the engineer again started the engine, being, of course, utterly ignorant of the circumstances. Mr. Van Houten was consequently caught in the wheel and thrown on the bed plate, where the fly-wheel crank caught and crushed his leg from the thigh down to the foot. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital and amputation was decided upon, but he died from exhaustion before the operation could be performed. Mr. Van Houten was in the 62d year of his age, and an active member of St. Michael's Church. This said to be the first serious accident that has ever occurred at these works.

Fatal Accident on the D. L. & W. R. R.

On Monday last, H. Schrot, of Belleville, a dry goods peddler, while driving across the 5th St. (Newark) crossing, was struck by the "puer" of the 6:30 Bloomfield train. The pusher had just uncoupled from the train and was dashing ahead in the usual manner, when the wagon appeared on the track before it; the vehicle and contents were utterly demolished, and Mr. Schrot so badly injured that he died soon after being taken to the hospital.

M. P. I.

Among the many good things this week, we note the second anniversary of the M. P. I. Society. The meeting was held at the residence of Miss Jennie Maxfield; the attendance was very select, and the exercises very refreshing—especially the Ice Cream Solo by caterer Allen of Newark. In the musical line particular mention should be made of "The Pretty Primrose," by Miss Josie Fairbanks, and "The Whispering Hope," by Mrs. Hague and Miss Jennie Maxfield. The society journal, *The M. P. I. Gem*, was a rare gem in its way, sparkling with wit and bright with happy thoughts. Miss Jennie Smith is the editor of the paper.

Another "Patriot."

To the Bloomfield Citizen: The suggestion of "Patriot" in your last issue, in regard to obtaining the names of Bloomfield veterans, is so sensible and practicable that we wonder it has never been made before. It is timely, too, for considerable information, which can now be obtained through the old residents, will soon be lost forever, unless immediately attended to. Mr. Zophar B. Dodd, whose knowledge and memory about such things was very accurate and extensive, has left us; but there are a few others from whom much may be learned. I think, at this moment particularly, of Mr. Zenas S. Crane, of Montclair, who, 50 years ago, was acquainted with every man, woman, and child in Bloomfield; and that Bloomfield embraced the present townships of Belleville, Franklin, Bloomfield, and Montclair, besides that part of Newark known as Woodside.

Searching the archives would involve some slight expense; but no one would object to this. Let "Patriot's" suggestion be acted upon immediately.

PATRIOT No. 2.

A CHINESE peddler in Portland, Oregon, refused to accept an English shilling, saying: "No good. We heap sabb-no chicken on him!" The *Oregonian* is of the opinion that when a heathen Chinese calls our glorious bird of freedom a chicken, it is time, indeed, for him to go.

Just what a meteor is has always been uncertain, but the great one which fell in Texas Sunday has been carefully examined and found to be a hoax.—*Lovell Courier*.

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